

See [Fed. R. Civ. P. 73](#)

LR 73-1 Duties and Powers

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)(1), and subject to the consent of the parties, every full-time, part-time or recalled Magistrate Judge assigned to the District of Oregon is designated and authorized to exercise civil jurisdiction over all assigned cases, to include the entry of final judgment and the conduct of any court or jury trial.

LR 73-2 Accelerated Trial Scheduling

Unlike District Judges who are assigned both civil and criminal cases, and by law must give scheduling priority to criminal cases, Magistrate Judges are only assigned civil cases. Consequently, when parties consent pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 73(b), the assigned Magistrate Judge is able to set earlier and firmer trial dates than might otherwise be possible for a District Judge.

LR 73-3 Review By District Court Judge Of Rulings Issued Prior To Full Consent

If a Magistrate Judge issues a ruling or findings and recommendations before all the parties have consented to a Magistrate Judge, and objections are filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636, a District Judge will review the objections, even if all the parties consent to a Magistrate Judge subsequent to the issuance of the ruling or findings and recommendations.

Commentary

The purpose LR 73-3 is to address the situation where all but one party has consented to a Magistrate Judge's ruling.

Amendment History to LR 73

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LR 73-3

New rule and commentary added.